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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OVIP (CARTER,JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: PUBLIC STATEMENTS

REF: LAGOS 2541

1. I WANT TO ANSWER THE POINTS MADE IN YOUR TELEGRAM AND
THEN MAKE SOME PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS THAT I TRUST YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THEY ARE CONVEYED.

2. WE WERE UNAWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE NIGERIANS
ATTACHED TO CLEARING THE MESSAGE PRIMARILY BECAUSE YOUR
CABLE OF FEBRUARY 23 DID NOT REACH US UNTIL MARCH 2
APPARENTLY BECAUSE TRANSMISSION WAS DELAYED IN LAGOS.
AT THE SAME TIME, AND FOR THE SAME REASONS, WE WERE
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EQUALLY UNAWARE OF OBASANJO'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT
DELIVER HIS MAJOR ADDRESS IN KANO.

3. ON THE MATTER OF THE COMMENTS QUOTED IN THE WIRELESS
FILE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT DR. BRZEZINSKI'S REMARKS WERE
SUMMARIZED IN A SOMEWHAT MISLEADING MANNER. IN ADDITION,
WHILE WE ARE ALL OF COURSE WELL AWARE OF NIGERIAN VIEWS

ON THE HORN CONFLICT, IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO
AVOID A DISCUSSION OF ALL THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT WILL
BE DISCUSSED DURING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

4. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, DON, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I
WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED BY THE HARSH,
ACCUSATORY TONE OF YOUR MESSAGE. I READILY ADMIT THAT
THERE WAS SOME REASON FOR MISUNDERSTANDING BOTH IN
WASHINGTON AND IN LAGOS. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE THAT
YOU KNOW US WELL ENOUGH TO AT LEAST GIVE DR. BRZEZINSKI
AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT
BEFORE QUESTIONING OUR SENSITIVITY TO NIGERIAN CONCERNS
AND POLICY IMPERATIVES. FOR THESE REASONS, I WISH THAT
YOU HAD NOT PUT YOUR POINTS THE WAY YOU DID. CHRISTOPHER

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